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LEGO® DISPLAYS RETURN TO LIGHT UP THE 138TH MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR EXHIBITION HALL

MORE THAN A FAIR, WE'RE A CULTURE...FunCULTURE!

TIMONIUM, MD – More Than A Fair, We're A Culture...FunCULTURE! Baltimore's own Classic Plastic Bricks will return and expand to transform tens of thousands of LEGO® pieces into a walk-around, interactive, lighted LEGO® display for fairgoers of all ages. The display will feature sections with iconic Maryland, fair, and ocean themes. Fairgoers may push buttons to make the LEGO® trains run, Ferris wheel rotate, farm animals move, underwater and other scenes light up, and more. Fairgoers may visit the LEGO® display, Friday, August 23 – Monday, September 2 in front of the Bulk Candy Store in the Exhibition Hall.

Classic Plastic Bricks Owner Todd Hardy's passion for all things LEGO® started when he was 9-years-old and developed into a profession, first as a toy store owner and for the past decade as owner of the Classic Plastic Bricks Store in Ellicott City, MD.

At various times throughout the Fair, Hardy will provide Mini-Build Activity Stations to teach LEGO® building techniques utilizing DUPLO® pieces for young children and LEGO® pieces for children and adults of all ages. "I enjoy inspiring kids to use their imaginations to build anything and everything with LEGO®," said Hardy.

Hardy will transport his LEGO® pieces to the Maryland State Fair in his self-proclaimed "LEGO® Uber" truck and trailer. He has and will spend thousands of hours building the intricate display in time for fairgoers arrival.

For the Mini-Build Activity Station schedule and the complete Maryland State Fair Schedule of Events, go to www.marylandstatefair.com.

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More Than A Fair, We’re A Culture! The 138th MY Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is a fun and educational destination complete with daily exhibits, presentations and entertainment sure to captivate visitors of all ages. No other event provides so much food, fun, family entertainment, and education for so little. The Maryland State Fair, located in Timonium in Baltimore County, starts with **Ridemia Preview Night, on Thursday, August 22** from 5 PM to close. **Exhibit Halls, Barns, Midway Rides, Food, Games, and more open Friday, August 23 through Monday, September 2, 2019. General Fair hours are Monday – Friday, 12 PM - Close, Saturdays and Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM – Close.** See below for detailed Midway and Building Hours.

Hear live national and local entertainment during the **M&T Bank Presents *LIVE! ON TRACK Concert Series***, featuring: American Pop band **HANSON** on August 23; and, Rock legends **The Marshall Tucker Band** on August 24; Country duo **LOCASH** on Aug 30; and, Arena Rock band **Night Ranger** on August 31. Concerts begin at 7:30 PM, in the Racetrack Infield. For ticket prices, go to Go to www.marylandstatefair.com.

Enjoy **Midway thrills & chills** and **tame rides in Kiddie Land**, play fun, **Fair games**, and taste a **feast of Fair and farm foods**, Monday - Friday, 12 Noon to close and Saturdays, Sundays & Labor Day Monday, 10 AM to close.

Explore **The 4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden Buildings, and The Exhibition Hall** for thousands of the best-of-the-best of Maryland creations and exhibits, Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 9 PM, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM – 9 PM, and Labor Day Monday 10 AM – 8 PM. **The Mosner-Miller Museum/DNR Building** closes daily at 8 PM.

See all kinds of **livestock and horses in the Cow Palace, Barns, Show Rings and Birthing Center**. Early risers are welcome to arrive early to attend the livestock and horse shows in the various livestock barns, buildings and show rings. Go to www.marylandstatefair.com for 4-H and Open Class Show schedules.

Experience **Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing**, Friday, August 23 – Sunday, August 25 and Friday, August 30 – Monday, September 2. Post Time: 1 PM. Also enjoy Simulcast Horse Racing daily in the Grandstand and OTB.

Participate in **agriculture education activities at the U-Learn Agriculture Education Zone, The Birthing Center, Horseland, Nature Play Space, UME Master Gardener Learning Garden** and more at various times throughout the Fair.

Admission to the Fair is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (62 and older) and \$5 for children (6-11). Children five-years-old and younger are admitted free. Rides are individually priced. Free Admission to Grandstand for Thoroughbred Races and OTB Only at Timonium Road Gate. Limited parking on the Fairgrounds is available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$10. Taking the **Light Rail** is recommended. Visit www.marylandstatefair.com.

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